

## Yes, I am M.A.D.

### **Becoming the . . . . . who makes a positive difference. 12:38-39**

1. Everyone needs to be . . . . .

The LORD has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Ps 126:3

Continue to work your salvation outward, with fear and trembling, because God works within you, to choose and to act in order to fulfil His good purpose. Philippians 2:12b-13

2. Everyone needs to be . . . . .

Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

3. Everyone needs to be . . . . .

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:5-7

4. Everyone needs to be . . . . .

You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Galatians 5:13-14

### **. . . . . the things that make a positive difference. 12:40**

Love one another... because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

Love turns actions into . . . . .

Let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show it is true by our actions. 1 John 3:18

Love turns words into . . . . .

Matt.6:9-13, Eph.1:18-19a, Eph.3:16-17, Eph.3:17-19, Eph.6:19-20

Love turns pride into . . . . .

Jer.10:10

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## My Prayer Points for this week

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### **For personal reflection, or as discussion starters**

1. What is your grandest (or most recent, or most unusual) accomplishment? What are some benefits of accomplishing our goals?
2. List some ways we can fulfil 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Also list some advantages of doing these things.
3. Romans 5:7 says, "accept one another". There is a mutuality in this command so that we cannot obey it alone - both parties have to accept and be accepted. What does it mean: to accept another? What dangers do we avoid when we only accept those who accept us?
4. Focus on the last (half-a-dozen or so) words in Galatians 5:13. Why do each of the key words need to go with the other key words?
5. (More than) one theologian complained that we approach God in the same way we approach Santa Claus; with a list of all the things we want. Reword the following Biblical prayers into your own words and pray one prayer each day this week. Matt.6:9-13, Eph.1:18-19a, Eph.3:16-17, Eph.3:17-19, Eph.6:19-20

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